

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action of August 22, 2006. Claims 37, 38 and 42-61 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 37 has been amended to include the recitation of claim 50 and claim 42 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 51. Accordingly, claims 50 and 51 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants have carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 45-47 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include the recitations in the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 37 has been amended to include the recitation of claim 50 and claim 42 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 51. Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 50-61 are allowed.

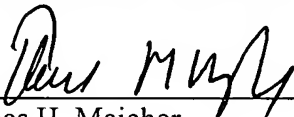
Claims 37-38 and 42-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,245,089 to Daniel et al. ("the Daniel patent"). In light of the amendments to claims 37 and 42, the Daniel patent does not anticipate the pending claims. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Daniel patent as an anticipatory reference to these claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LLP

By: 
Thomas H. Majcher
Registration No. 31,119

THM/lm

Howard Hughes Center
6060 Center Drive, Tenth Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Telephone: (310) 824-5555
Facsimile: (310) 824-9696
Customer No. 24201